OIC's memorandum to UNHRC against Human Rights

3586. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) submitted a memorandum on Kashmir to the United Nations Human Rights Commission on the 27th February, 1995 at its ongoing session in Geneva, accusing India of depriving the people of Jammu and Kashmir of their basic right to self-determination and called the U. N. to investigate human rights violations in the State; and

(b) if so, the stand taken by India at this meet and how the OIC was rapped for its stand on Kashmir by the Indian delegation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The OIC had circulated a memorandum on Kashmir at the recent 51st Session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. The Government of India countered it by circulating a statement deeply regretting the memorandum circulated by OIC; which made a reference to Jammu and Kashmir; an integral part of India, and which ignored the fact that the current disturbed conditions in Jammu and Kashmir where clearly the result of terrorist activities aided and abetted from across the border.

Visit of All-Party Hurriyat Conference Leaders to casablanca

3587. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allowed or implicitly agreed to the visit of two leaders of All-Party Hurriyat Conference, Jammu and Kashmir; namely Mirwaiz Omar Farooq and Maulvi Abbas Ansari. to Casablanca: at the time of the twenty seventh Conference of Foreibn Ministers of Islamic countries and the Seventh Islamic Summit in December, 1994.

(b) whether Government had a few months earlier prevented two other Hurriyat leaders from visiting Saudi Arabia, ostensibly for 'Umrah' (pilgrimage);

(c) if so, what are the reasons for change in Government's attitude;

(d) whether Government have seen reports that Mirwaiz Omar Farooq and Maulvi Abbas Ansari have been seeking funds, particularly from Rabita-alam-Islami and the World Association of Muslim Youth, for the so-called Kashmir Liberation Movement; and

(e) what action is being taken/contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The All-Party Hurriyat leaders, Mirwaiz Omah Farooq and Maulvi Abbas Ansari had travelled out of the country in their individual capacities during the months from December, 1994 to February 1995. These two individuals visited Morocco reportedly at the invitation of the OIC.

(c) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Government have reports to the effect that during their visit, the APHC leaders raised some funds. Government would take all steps necessary to fight militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, to counter anti-India propaganda; and would remain vigilant on the support, financial or material extended from Pakistan or from any other outside quarters in sustenance of activities directed against the unity and integrity of the country

Cooperation among the Indian ocean countries

3588. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: